



LIBYA NEWS UPDATE

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ISIS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUICIDE BOMB IN SOUTHERN LIBYA



A blast struck a checkpoint in the southern Libyan city of Sebha on Sunday, killing two people including a police officer. The blast was caused by a suicide bomber and responsibility for the attack was later claimed by ISIS. Prime Minister Dabaiba condemned the “cowardly terrorist act,” offered condolences to the families of the victims, and vowed that Libya’s war on terror would continue. He subsequently met with the heads of Libya’s security and intelligence agencies.

LIBYAN CENTRAL BANK LAUNCHES WAVE OF REFORMS

The Central Bank of Libya has launched a set of projects concerned with digital transformation, banking system integrity, combatting money laundering and terrorist financing, state financial sustainability, governance and capacity building. This came during the Governor of the Bank, Sadiq Al-Kabir’s meeting with a number of advisors and directors of departments in the Bbank on Monday.



DABAIBA MEETS EU INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER, PRESIDENT MACRON, AND PREMIER SANCHEZ



Over the past week, Prime Minister Dabaiba held meetings with European leaders, seeking to further advancing Libya’s cooperation and ties with the continent. Last week, Dabaiba met with President Emmanuel Macron in Paris, where they discussed the removal of foreign fighters, including Russian mercenaries. Macron pledged to provide France’s political support for Libya’s upcoming elections and for a fair and transparent distribution of Libyan wealth.

Dabaiba later met with Spain’s Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Sanchez’s visit was to mark the reopening of the Spanish embassy in Libya and show support for Libya’s Government of National Unity (GNU). The leaders also discussed lifting the embargo imposed on Libyan airlines and the easing of issuing travel visas for Libyans.



Most recently, Dabaiba met with EU Commissioner Ylva Johansson to discuss cooperation in tackling illegal immigration and human smuggling. He stressed that Libya needs support help from the EU and from the countries of origin. Following the talks, Johansson pledged the EU’s support for Libya’s political process and for the GNU’s efforts on state building, stabilization, reconstruction, and reconciliation.